Reduction in the supply of coal to Karnataka

3828 SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal supply to Karnataka has been slashed by more than 50 per cent; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Karnataka Chief Minister has urged for augmenting the supplies; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir. Both Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) have been advised to supply coal to meet the requirement of power and cement units in Kanataka as per the demand agreed to in the Standing Linkage Committees (Short-term) of the Ministry of Coal. Coal supplies to these units have been generally satisfactory.

However, there have been some shortfalls in supply of coal to consumers in the non-core sector because of movement of coal on priority to core sectors like power Coal companies have been advised to supply to all non-core sector consumers, including those in Karnatka, at least 50% of their linked quantity of coal, by rail or by road.

(b) and (c) Chief Minister of Karnataka has urged the Ministry of Coal to augment the supply of coal to Raichur Thermal Power Station as well as to the Industries located in Karnataka State. Accordingly Ministry of Coal have advised coal companies to supply co a to consumers in Karnataka on the basis of their entitlements worked out in the manner detailed above.

Working of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries

3829. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Times of India, dated December, 25, 1991 entitled "CIL's working comes under fire from Ministry" if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries are responsible for erratic, delayed and short deliveries of coal and also for the lack of quality control;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item referred to a meeting held on 23-12-91 between representative of coal consumers' associations etc. and officials of Ministry of Coal in which various issues pertaining to current distribution policy of coal, and the need for changes, if any, were discusssed.

(b) and (c) There have been some complaints from consumers regarding shortage in weight of coal received poor quality of coal, and delayed delivery of coal.

(d) Government have advised coal companies to strengthen their quality control infrastructure, instal weighbridges for proper weighment, grade the coal correctly, and establish coal handling plants, so that all coal is eventually despatched through these plants Coal companies have also set up national and regional coal consumers' councils to monitor redressal of consumers' complaints/grievances.

Award to an Officer of B.C.C.L. for Rescuing miners of Dhanbad Colliery

3830 DR. SUBRAMANIAN. SWAMY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a disaster in Dhanbad colliery in 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an Officer of B C.C.L. rescued the miners by devising a capsule; and

(c) if so, whether the officer has been awarded/rewarded by Government for this commendable act?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) There was no disaster in any of the collieries of Bharat Coking Coal Limited in Dhanbad in the year 1989. There was, however, a major accident in Mahabir Colliery of Eastern Coalfields Limited due to inundation in November, 1989. The workers trapped in the mine

were rescued through a capsule fabricated in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. No officer of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. was involved in devising the capsule.

Grade-wise production by Coal India Limited C.C.L. and B.C.C.L.

3831. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what targets of production of coal have been fixed by the Coal India Limited, by the end of - 8th Five Year Plan, what targets have been fixed for yearly growth and what is the total amount of expenditure fixed by Planning Commission for this purpose;

(b) whether Government propose to commission new coal mining projects for modernisation in Bihar; if so, what amount of expenditure is likely to be incurred on these projects and what additional quantity of production is likely to be generated therefrom;

(c) what amount of excise duty and sales tax is paid by B.C.C.L. and C.C.L as on date to the Government of India and to the Government of Bihar respectively;

(d) what expenditure by Coal India Limited is incurred on wages and what is the respective share of the officers and coal cutters in it; and

(e) what are the details of the grade-wise production of coal by B.C.C.L., C.C.L. and E.C.L. during the last five years and of the grade-wise coal despatched by them every year alongwith the amount of sales tax, royalty and excise duty realised on the basis of total despatches?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission However, the Planning Commission have approved a coal production plan of 210.00 million tonnes and an investment plan of Rs. 1850.00 crores for Coal India Limited for 1992-93. The production target of 210.00 million tonnes fixed for 1992-93 in about 3.5% higher than the target of 203.00 million tonnes fixed for 1991-92.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to develop some new coal mining projects in Bihar during the Eighth Plan period. As per the proposals submitted by this Ministry to the Planning Commission an amount of Rs. 554.36 crores is proposed to be invested during the Eighth Plan on new projects in Bihar. These new projects are expected to produce an additional quantity of 7.20 million tonnes of coal during 1996-97, the terminal year of the Eighth Plan.

(c) The details of excise duty and sales Tax paid by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) to the Government of India and to the Government of Bihar during the last five years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Company	Excise duty paid to		Sales tax paid to	
		Govt. of India	Govt. of Bihar	Govt. of India	Govt. of Bihar
1986-87	BCCL	4.16	—	21.05	8.00
	CCL	9.25	—	20.48	9.95
1987-88	BCCL	6.43	—	25.77	10.34
	CCL	9.63	—	22.71	12.21
1988-89	BCCL	13.33	—	30.06	14.51
	CCL	9.56		27.81	13.95
1989-90	BCCL	9.12	—	34.00	14.46
	CCL	11.28	—	36.38	14.38
1990-91	BCCL	7.51	—	28.87	12.33
	CCL	10.21	—	31.31	11.71